

Access statement for Fitzwarine House

Introduction

We are a three-bedroom bed & breakfast property located in the picturesque village of Whittington. This statement is a summary of our facilities; please feel free to discuss or ask us anything.

Pre-arrival

If arriving by **car** or **motorcycle**, please park in the Olde Boote Inn car park. We have 3 lined parking spaces allotted to us at the side of our house. You will see the 'Fitzwarine House' notices fixed on the wall near each space.

For guests arriving by **train**, Gobowen station is about 2 miles away.

There is a **bus** service to Oswestry (about 3 miles away) every half hour – service number **70**. You can catch the bus from outside the village store, half a mile away.

If on a **bicycle** it can be stored, and locked, under the shelter at the back of the house

Arrival

Please give us an approximate time of arrival so we can be sure we're here to greet you.

We will gladly assist you with your luggage.

The front door is kept closed but press the doorbell on the right hand side. We can hear this anywhere in the house!

There is a step leading to the porch. Unfortunately the narrow hallway and right turn into the dining room make it unsuitable for wheelchair access.

Checking in

We lay your keys next to a guest register form (and pen!) in the dining room. Please fill in name, address, car or bike registration number and the date of arrival, and passport number if you are an overseas visitor. One of us will show you to your room and explain the facilities. Each key ring has a front door key (the black one), an inner porch door key and a key to your bedroom. Once checked in feel free to come and go as you please.

Access to the rooms

Please be careful using the stairs because they are narrow. There is a contrasting hand rail on the left hand wall.

The bedrooms

Room 1

This is accessed via 8 stairs, then a small landing, then 4 more stairs. The room contains a double bed and is carpeted throughout with a shower room behind the dark wood door. This has black floor tiles to contrast with the white sanitary ware. The shower has 1 step (tiled); Please be careful when exiting the shower as this step can be slippery if wet. The WC has a dual flush system.

Room 2

This is next to room 1, on the same level. This room contains a double bed and is carpeted throughout with a shower room behind the dark wood door. This has light coloured tiles to contrast with the grey sanitary ware. There is no step to the shower.

Room 3

This is accessed via the 8 stairs, the turn right up 2 further stairs. The room contains a double bed and a single bed and is carpeted throughout with a bath and a shower behind the dark wood door. This has dark grey flooring to contrast with the white sanitary ware. The shower is at one end of the bath.

Bedrooms in general

All our rooms contain a remote controlled television, tea & coffee making facilities, bedside lamps (the ones in rooms 2 are touch controlled), clock radio, sewing kit & an information pack. Hairdryers are available in the drawer near the dressing table. Extra pillows & blankets are on top or in the wardrobe. Please ask if you require anymore. Fans and heaters also available, as well as use of an iron & ironing board.

Dining room

Breakfast is served in the dining room where you collected your keys. Details of your breakfast are in the information pack. The furniture can be moved if required. We have Radio Shropshire on the radio; feel free to ask if you prefer something else.

Lounge

This is located off the hallway – be careful of the small step that is part of the sliding door. Please feel free to relax in the guest lounge.

You may see our cat about – she's not allowed in the guest's bedrooms. Her name is 'Tigs' and she's really friendly. Sorry, but 1 cat = no dogs!

Out & about in Whittington

There are 3 pubs in the village, two serving meals. We recommend either Ye Olde Boote Inn (next door) or The White Lion (3 minute walk away). Both serve meals at lunch & evening. Copies of each menus are in the room information pack. Both get busy especially at weekends and booking a table is recommended. We can do this for you if needed.

Have a look around Whittington Castle. There is a café serving sandwiches/homemade cakes/hot drinks etc. There are plenty of information boards at various locations at the castle for you to learn about it's history. Don't forget to feed the ducks & swans! Duck food is available at either the castle or the antique shop 2 doors away from our house.

There is a well stocked store in the village, a post office, 2 hairdressers and 2 antique shops.

Out & about further afield

The nearest town is Oswestry which is about 3 miles away.

We have plenty of leaflets, on the table at the bottom of the stairs or in the lounge, that are for guests to take – loads of ideas on Shropshire's attractions and beyond!

Further information

Mobile phone reception is fairly patchy – 02 is the best – but the signal improves outside!

Our postal address is:

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